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TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, IS, SY  
SUBJECT: DRUSE MEETINGS IN GOLAN HEIGHTS

REFS:DAMASCUS 5384, DAMASCUS 5530

1. THE CABINET COMMUNIQUE OF AUGUST 22 CONTAINS THE FOLLOW-  
ING EXTRACT WHICH DISCUSSES THE REPORT BY DEFENSE MINISTER  
PERES TO THE CABINET ON THE DRUSE MEETINGS WHICH ARE CONTEM-  
PLATED IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS. BEGIN TEXT: THE MINISTER OF  
DEFENSE REVIEWED THE ATTEMPTS THAT HAD FOR SOME TIME BEEN  
MADE AT ISRAEL'S INITIATIVE, TO EASE DRUSE FAMILY MEETINGS  
AT THE SEPARATION LINE WITH SYRIA. SO FAR, GOLAN HEIGHTS  
DRUSE AND RUSE FROM THE SYRIAN SIDE WERE WONT TO EXCHANGE  
SHOUTED GREETINGS ACROSS THE FENCE FROM A DISTANCE. ANY  
NUMBER OF TIMES IN THE PAST, ISRAEL HAD PROPOSED -- VIA  
THE U.N. REPRESENTATIVES IN THE REGION -- THAT THE MEET-  
INGS TAKE PLACE IN A MORE HUMANE AND ORDERLY FASHION, AT  
A POST TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE. THEY SYRIANS  
RECENTLY ANNOUNCED -- VIA THE UN.M. -- THEIR CONSENT TO  
ARRANGE FOR A MEETING POST OF THIS NATURE IN THE BUFFER

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ZONE BETWEEN ISRAEL AND SYRIAN. END TEXT

2. THE ISRAELI PRESS HAS REPORTED AND COMMENTED FAVOR-  
ABLY ON DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT AT THE CABINET MEET-  
ING. SEVERAL PAPERS ALSO NOTED THE WASHINGTON POST  
INTERVIEW OF AUGUST 22 WITH PERES ON ISRAELI-SYRIAN  
BORDER RELATIONS.

3. COMMENT: PERES' PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THIS SUBJECT  
IS CONSISTENT WITH RECENT ISRAELI STATEMENTS ABOUT ITS  
"GOOD FENCE" POLICY RELATIONS TO ITS LEBANESE BORDER.  
ISRAELIS CLEARLY WANT TO BE SEEN AS GOOD NEIGHBOURS WHO  
CAN LIVE IN PEACE WITH SURROUNDING COUNTRIES. ON THIS  
SUBJECT: GENERAL SIILASVUO TOLD THE AMBASSADOR AUGUST 23  
THAT HE REGRETTED THAT PERES HAD GONE PUBLIC ON THIS  
SUBJECT AND THAT IT MIGHT NOW BE DIFFICULT FOR THE  
SYRIANS TO AGREE.  
TOON

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